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SUBJ: MAHAYSHI ROLLS ON IN AHAM

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SUMMARY: AFTER TWO-WEEK RESPITE FROM HIS MARCH 12-14 ONSLAUGHT,
EXILED LIBYAN RCC MEMBER "UMAR MUHAYSHI RETURNS TO ATTACK IN
AHAM MARCH 27-28. WIDE-RANGING ATTACK PRIMARILY DEALS WITH
CONTINUOUS QADHAFI ATTEMPTS AT MISCHIEF -MAKING IN TUNISIA AND
WITH 1975 LIBYAN -SOVIET ARMS DEAL. END SUMMARY

1. MARCH 27 INSTALLMENT. MAHAYSHI STATES THAT LIBYAN ASS-
ASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST TUNISIAN PRI MIN NOUIRA ANNOUNCED MARCH 22

BY NO

MEANS FIRST ANTI-TUNISIAN PLOT. MUHAYSHI

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EMPHASIZES THAT NOUIRA, IN QUADHAFI OPINION, PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE

FOR TORPEDOING 1974 JERBA LIBYAN TUNISIAN UNITY DECLARATION AND THUS HAS BECOME PERSONAL ENEMY OF RCC CHAIRMAN. MUHAYSHI STATES THAT ENTIRE JERBA UNITY "CONSPIRACY" HAD BEEN ENGINEERED BY EX-TUNISIAN FONMIN MASMUDI, WHO HAD ARRANGED UNITY "PLOT" WITH QADHAFI IN ISOLATION FROM BOTH RESPONSIBLE TUNISIAN AND LIBYAN LEADERSHIPS, WHO REJECTED PLAN AS UNWORKABLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITS ANNOUNCEMENT. ACCORDING TO NUHAYSHI, QADHAFI TRIED TO OBTAIN NOUIRA ACQUIESCENCE IN SCHEME BY OFFERING TUNISIAN PRIMIN MINISTERSHIP OF NEW CONFEDERATION AND BY OFFERING TO REPLACE MASMUDI, WHO HAD SURFACED AS PROPOSED FONMIN FOR NEW CONFEDERATION. QADHAFI ALLEGEDLY ALSO ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE BOURGUIBA WITH OFFER OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN AID TO TUNISIA. NOUIRA PROVED OBSTINATE IN HIS REFUSAL TO COOPERATE, HOWEVER.

2. MUHAYSHI ALSO CHARGES THAT QADHAFI, DURING 1973 AND 1974 PERIOD, WAS ACTIVELY CONSPIRING AGAINST ALGERIA'S BOUMEDINENE, ALTHOUGH HIS PLANS WERE OPPOSED BY LIBYAN SECURITY SERVICES WHICH FOUND PENETRATION OF ALGERIAN SECURITY VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. MUHAYSHI RECALLS BOUMEDINNE'S STRONG OBJECTIONS TO LIBYAN-TUNISIAN UNITY SCHEME, STATING THAT ALGERIAN PRESIDENT AT TIME ORDERED TROOP CONCENTRATIONS ALONG ALGERIAN-TUNISIAN BORDER, AND BY IMPLICATION CRITICIZES CURRENT APPARENT DETENTE BETWEEN LIBYAN AND ALGERIAN LEADERSHIPS.

3. MUHAYSHI ALSO RECALLS VARIOUS INSTANCES OF QADHAFI ATTEMPTS TO UNDERMINE SUDANESE PRESIDENT NUMAYRI STATING THAT ON VARIOUS QADHAFI VISITS TO KHARTOUM, RCC CHAIRMAN ATTEMPTED TO TURN MEMBERS OF SUDANESE RCC AGAINST NUMAYRI LEADERSHIP. MUHAYSHI ALSO CHARGES QADHAFI ACTIVELY ATTEMPTED TO TURN LATE KING FISAL AGAINST PRESIDENT SADAT DURING 1974 VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. ACCORDING TO MUHAYSHI VERSION, FAISAL SUMMONED THEN EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL CONTACTS MARWAN FROM CAIRO AND INFORMED HIM OF QADHAFI MEDDLING IN PRESENCE OF RCC CHAIRMAN. MUHAYSHI STATES THAT QADHAFI WAS SO FURIOUS AT FAISAL CONDUCT THAT HE ATTEMPTED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO INCITE SEVERAL OF YOUNGER SAUDI PRINCES AGAINST LATE MONARCH AND WAS ONLY ARAB HEAD OF STATE WHO FAILED TO ATTEND FAISAL FUNERAL.

4. MUHAYSHI CONCLUDES MARCH 27 INTERVIEW WITH AHRAH EDITOR IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHIEF GAMAL BY RAPID-FIRE CHARGES THAT QADHAFI ATTEMPTED TO ESTABLISH AIR BASE IN MALI FOR USE AGAINST MOROCCO AND ALGERIA, INVADDED CHAD IN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH "AN EMPIRE" ATTEMPTED TO BLOW UP SADAT REST HOUSE IN NURSA MATRUH, FINANCED ATTACK ON OPEC HEADQUARTERS, AND BANKROLLED FORCES WORKING FOR DESTRUCTION OF LEBANON.

5. MARCH 28 INSTALLMENT. MUHAYSHI ATTACK ON SOVIET ARMS DEAL

CONCENTRATES PRIMARILY ON ILLOGICAL TURN OF ATTITUDE IN QADHAFI ATTITUDE TOWARD SOVIETS, CHARGED THAT LIBYA CANNOT AFFORD PRICE OF SOVIET ARMS, AND DECLARATION THAT QADHAFI HAS NO INTENTION OF EVER USING SOVIET ARMS AGAINST PRIMARY ARAB ENEMY: ISRAEL. MUHAYSHI RECALLS THAT UNTIL RECENTLY QADHAFI HAD BEEN RABIDLY ANTI-SOVIET. RCC CHAIRMAN STRONGLY OBJECTED TO 1971 EGYPTIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP TREATY AND REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO DISSUADE PRESIDENT SADAT FROM SIGNING DOCUMENT. FURTHER, QADHAFI SENT DELEGATION TO BAGHDAD WHEN HE HEARD SIMILAR TREATY UNDER CONSIDERATION BETWEEN SOVIETS AND IRAQIS. MUHAYSHI IMPLIES THAT, AS SADAT'S DIFFICULTIES WITH SOVIETS INCREASED, SO DID QADHAFI'S FASCINATION WITH MOSCOW. QADHAFI, HOWEVER, WAS NOT PSYCHOLOGICALLY CONTENT WITH BEING TREATED BY SOVIETS AS JUST ANOTHER ARAB LEADER TO BE USED TO PRESSURE SADAT. FOR THIS REASON, AND NOT FOR LIBYA'S OWN MILITARY NEEDS, QADHAFI DECIDED SECRETLY TO CONCLUDE MASSIVE ARMS DEAL WITH SOVIETS (AMOUNTING TO TEN BILLION DOLLARS), WHICH WOULD PROPERLY CONVINCE SOVIETS OF ADVANTAGES OF DEALING WITH RCC LEADER. MUHAYSHI CHARGES THAT RCC WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF DOLLAR AMOUNT OF MAMMOTH DEAL WHEN SALES ANNOUNCED IN JUNE 1975, BUT ONLY CAME UPON MESSAGE DETAILING ARMS COST BY CHANCE IN RCC ARCHIVES. RCC OPPOSITION TO ARMS SALES ALLEGEDLY BASED ON FACT THAT TEN BILLION DOLLARS WOULD PLACE UNBEARABLE BURDEN ON LIBYAN ECONOMY.

6. MUHAYSHI REITERATES AT LENGTH CHARGES THAT QADHAFI CONDUCT HAS SERIOUSLY REDUCED EFFECTIVENESS OF LIBYAN ARMED FORCES, DESPITE HUGE INFLUX OF SOVIET WEAPONS. QADHAFI IS LIKENED TO MUSSOLINI, IN THAT BLUSTER AND SHINY WEAPONS IN NO WAY REFLECT CAPACITY OF MILITARY MACHINE AS FIGHTING FORCE.

MUHAYSHI CHARGES THAT THERE NO SINGLE QUALIFIED STAFF OFFICER IN LIBYAN ARMY, THAT MANY OFFICERS APPOINTED WITH NO QUALIFICATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER THAN PRIMARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATES AND THAT ANY OFFICER SUSPECTED OF DISILLUSION AT QADHAFI CONDUCT BANISHED TO REMOTE LIBYAN OUTPOSTS.

7. MUHAYSHI CONCLUDES MARCH 28 INSTALLMENT OF INTERVIEW WITH IMPASSIONED ATTACK ON QADHAFI AS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE ZIONIST AGENT. QADHAFI WOULD NEVER AGREE TO ATTACK ISRAEL, BECAUSE EXISTENCE OF ISRAELI STATE CAUSES DIVISIONS WITHIN ARAB RANKS AND ALLOWS RCC CHAIRMAN TO PURSUE HIS OWN CONSPIRACY AGAINST OTHER ARAB LEADERS. PROOF OF QADHAFI ZIONIST AGENT STATUS IN MUHAYSHI EYES INCLUDES DESTRUCTION OF LIBYAN ECONOMY, CONSPIRACY AGAINST OTHER ARAB LEADERS WITHDRAWAL OF MILITARY SUPPLIES FROM EGYPTIAN FRONT, FOILING EVERY ATTEMPT AT ARAB AND/OR PALESTINE UNITY, DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS, AND PREVENTING USE OF THE

LIBYAN ARMY AS AN EFFECTIVE STRIKING FORCE AGAINST
ISRAELI ENEMY.

8. COMMENT: MUHAYSHI INTERVIEW TO CONTINUE AT FURTHER UNSPECIFIED
DATE AND TO DEAL WITH QADHAFI PET IDEOLOGY, THE "THIRD THEORY",
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MUHAYSHI MAY BE RESURRECTED IN AHRAM AS
FOLLOW UP TO REVELATIONS ELSEWHERE CONCERNING LIBYAN DASTARDLINESS,
VIA ANNOUNCEMENT IN TUNIS MARCH 22. MUHAYSHI MARCH 27-28
INSTALLMENTS APPEAR TO CONTAIN SLIGHTLY MORE SPECIFIC CHARGES
THAN HYSTERICAL DIATRIBE OF MARCH 14, BUT QUESTION REMAINS AS
TO HOW LONG MAHAYSHI CAN CONTINUE TO CRAK OUT SUPPOSEDLY NEW
REVELATIONS UPON COMMAND OF HIS EGYPTIAN SPONSORS.
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